

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

GOLDEN JUBILEE SCOPUS AWARD DINNER

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It is a great pleasure and honor for me to be here this evening and to participate in these ceremonies.

I cherish my long association with the Hebrew University.

This center of learning, research and scholarship has enriched Israel and has made it strong.

Strength is more than armed might. It is intellectual prowess, dedication to creative thought and insight into the physical and spiritual world.

A great university is a vital resource for a nation. The vitality of its academic life is a measure of the health and stability of a nation.

By these standards alone Israel is strong and prospering.

But tonight it is impossible to talk about the strength and prosperity of the state of Israel without mentioning the Sinai agreement which was recently initialed by Israel and Egypt.

This agreement is a significant step towards peace. We have opened the door of reconciliation between Egypt and Israel.

I applaud the role of Secretary Kissinger in helping to bring about this Agreement. I believe that the risk of superpower confrontation has been lessened and that the prospects for further agreements have been greatly improved.

I believe that the time has come for some frank talk about this Agreement and what obligations it imposes upon the United States.

As part of the Agreement, the United States has agreed to supply a limited number of technicians to serve as peaceful observers in the Israeli and Egyptian installations in the Sinai.

There are some people who disagree with this provision of the Agreement and who say that if the technicians are sent we are on the threshold of another Vietnam.

I disagree.

Sending American civilians to the Sinai to serve in an area which is actually in the United Nations buffer zone is not another Vietnam.

These men are not being sent to fight in an insurgency. They are not being sent to train other troops or to advise military commands.

They are going to keep the peace.

They will not be in great physical danger because of their remote position within a buffer zone and beyond the range of weapons allowed in the region.

To be sure, we are taking a risk. Every American life is dear. But this is a risk for peace -- not war.

I am satisfied that these technicians are not the commencement of a commitment of American troops. Israel has never wanted American military personnel and they are not asking for them now.

I will vote to send these technicians to the Middle East and I will urge my colleagues on the Foreign Relations Committee and in the Senate to do so. I am convinced that the preservation of peace in the region is vital to peace in the world.

But I want to add that true peace between Israel and Egypt will take more than an agreement. Yes, these negotiations can restore confidence and trust. But they are no substitute for the personal contacts between peoples which are the true builder and restorers of trust and confidence.

Tonight I would like to make a proposal which I believe would take Israel and Egypt one step further towards peace.

With the official encouragement of the United States, I believe that Israel and Egypt could begin to work together on a broad range of educational and scientific projects in the Sinai and in the region for the betterment of their peoples.

-- Israel has special capability in the fields of desalinization and land reclamation. These could be shared with Egyptian scientists.

-- There is no reason why the Hebrew University and the University of Cairo could not begin to share information and develop exchange programs in the field of health care and medical research. I know that the Hebrew University has a research program on the dreaded Nile River parasitic disease call bilharzia. This work of Israeli scientists could be of great benefit to Egyptian scientists and to the people of the Nile River basin.

-- The exceptional work of Hadassah Hospital could be expanded to treat patients from neighboring Arab countries in an effort to directly aid those in special need.

-- Finally, both Moslem and Jewish scholars could expand their cooperative efforts at archaeological sites in the region, since this discipline is so important to both Israel and Egypt.

These projects could be the first step towards Israeli-Egyptian reconciliation. The way has been paved by the recent Sinai Agreement. The time has come for the people of these two countries to join their diplomats in making peace. They do not need conference tables. Nor do they need special shuttle diplomacy. All that is necessary is the will to begin, to work together in the pursuit of peaceful ends to help each other.

There is a lesson for both Israelis and Egyptians in Henry Kissinger's successes in international diplomacy. They have been founded on close personal contact with heads of state. These contacts foster trust and confidence.

This is the technique I am proposing tonight on a non-governmental scale.

Let Israeli and Egyptian doctors, scientists, archaeologists, farmers begin working together and the time will not be distant when Prime Minister Rabin and President Sadat face each other across the table.

This type of contact does not involve territory, troop placements or concession by either side. It has to do with understanding among people as the key to peace.

We have turned the corner of peace in the Middle East. The next step is to preserve the peace that we have worked so hard to create.

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Max Kampelman

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- Pres. Friends of Hebrew U.

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE AND HONOR FOR ME TO BE HERE

Concerned Citizen

THIS EVENING AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE CEREMONIES.

Golden Jubilee - Hebrew U

I CHERISH MY LONG ASSOCIATION WITH THE HEBREW

UNIVERSITY

- and Alb. Harman

THIS CENTER OF LEARNING, RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

HAS ENRICHED ISRAEL AND HAS MADE IT STRONG.

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PROWESS, DEDICATION TO CREATIVE THOUGHT AND INSIGHT INTO

THE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL WORLD.

A GREAT UNIVERSITY IS A VITAL RESOURCE FOR A NATION.

THE VITALITY OF ITS ACADEMIC LIFE IS A MEASURE OF THE HEALTH, the Promise

AND STABILITY OF A NATION,

BY THESE STANDARDS ALONE ISRAEL IS STRONG AND PROSPERING.

⑧ Judith Magnes Award  
1st Pres Hebrew U -

Gardens

L BUT TONIGHT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TALK ABOUT THE STRENGTH  
AND PROSPERITY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL WITHOUT MENTIONING THE  
SINAI AGREEMENT WHICH WAS RECENTLY INITIALED BY ISRAEL AND  
EGYPT.

L THIS AGREEMENT IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARDS PEACE.

L WE HAVE OPENED THE DOOR OF RECONCILIATION BETWEEN EGYPT  
AND ISRAEL.

L I APPLAUD THE ROLE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER IN HELPING  
TO BRING ABOUT THIS AGREEMENT I BELIEVE THAT THE RISK

OF SUPERPOWER CONFRONTATION HAS BEEN LESSENERED AND THAT THE

PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN GREATLY IMPROVED

L ~~I BELIEVE THAT~~ THE TIME HAS COME FOR SOME FRANK TALK  
ABOUT THIS AGREEMENT AND WHAT OBLIGATIONS IT IMPOSES UPON  
THE UNITED STATES.

L AS PART OF THE AGREEMENT, THE UNITED STATES HAS  
AGREED TO SUPPLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF TECHNICIANS TO  
SERVE AS PEACEFUL OBSERVERS IN THE ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN  
INSTALLATIONS IN THE SINAI.

L THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO DISAGREE WITH THIS PROVISION  
OF THE AGREEMENT AND WHO SAY THAT IF THE TECHNICIANS ARE  
SENT WE ARE ON THE THRESHOLD OF ANOTHER VIETNAM.

L I DISAGREE!

L SENDING AMERICAN CIVILIANS TO THE SINAI TO SERVE IN  
AN AREA WHICH IS ACTUALLY IN THE UNITED NATIONS BUFFER ZONE  
IS NOT ANOTHER VIETNAM.

- as you know - and all  
Americans must understand -

L THESE MEN ARE NOT BEING SENT TO FIGHT IN AN INSURGENCY.

L THEY ARE NOT BEING SENT TO TRAIN OTHER TROOPS OR TO ADVISE  
MILITARY COMMANDS.

<sup>to be</sup>  
They are sent to Keep the Peace

L THEY ARE GOING TO KEEP THE PEACE.

L THEY WILL NOT BE IN GREAT PHYSICAL DANGER BECAUSE OF

THEIR REMOTE POSITION WITHIN A BUFFER ZONE AND BEYOND THE

RANGE OF WEAPONS ALLOWED IN THE REGION.

Risk - yes -

~~SECRET~~

L TO BE SURE, WE ARE TAKING A RISK. EVERY AMERICAN LIFE

IS DEAR. BUT THIS IS A RISK FOR PEACE -- NOT WAR.

L I AM SATISFIED THAT THESE TECHNICIANS ARE NOT THE

COMMENCEMENT OF A COMMITMENT OF AMERICAN TROOPS. ISRAEL

HAS NEVER WANTED AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEY ARE

NOT ASKING FOR THEM NOW.

L I WILL VOTE TO SEND THESE TECHNICIANS TO THE MIDDLE

EAST AND I WILL URGE MY COLLEAGUES ON THE FOREIGN RELATIONS

COMMITTEE AND IN THE SENATE TO DO SO. L I AM CONVINCED THAT

THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE IN THE REGION IS VITAL TO PEACE

IN THE WORLD.

I will support the necessary Economic  
& Military Assistance.



Peace must be Dynamics - not Static  
Peace is a Process of Reconciliation & Understanding  
The Process must proceed - Difficult areas ahead  
Bandar, West Bank - Jerusalem, Syria, Golan  
L BUT I WANT TO ADD THAT TRUE PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL 11/15

AND EGYPT WILL TAKE MORE THAN AN AGREEMENT. L YES, THESE

help  
NEGOTIATIONS CAN RESTORE CONFIDENCE AND TRUST. L BUT THEY

ARE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE PERSONAL CONTACTS BETWEEN PEOPLES

who  
WHICH ARE THE TRUE BUILDERS AND RESTORERS OF TRUST AND

CONFIDENCE.

L TONIGHT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PROPOSAL WHICH I

BELIEVE WOULD TAKE ISRAEL AND EGYPT ONE STEP FURTHER

TOWARDS PEACE,

L WITH THE OFFICIAL ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

I BELIEVE THAT ISRAEL AND EGYPT COULD BEGIN TO WORK TOGETHER

ON A BROAD RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS IN

THE SINAI AND IN THE REGION FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THEIR

PEOPLES.

✓ ISRAEL HAS SPECIAL CAPABILITY IN THE FIELDS OF  
DESALINIZATION AND LAND RECLAMATION <sup>*irrigation*</sup> THESE COULD BE SHARED  
WITH EGYPTIAN SCIENTISTS *and technicians.*

✓-- THERE IS NO REASON WHY THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY AND  
THE UNIVERSITY OF CAIRO COULD NOT BEGIN TO SHARE INFORMATION  
AND DEVELOP EXCHANGE PROGRAMS IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH CARE AND  
MEDICAL RESEARCH. I KNOW THAT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY HAS A  
RESEARCH PROGRAM ON THE DREADED NILE RIVER PARASITIC DISEASE  
BILHARZIA CALLED BILHARZIA. THIS WORK OF ISRAELI SCIENTISTS COULD BE

OF GREAT BENEFIT TO EGYPTIAN SCIENTISTS AND TO THE PEOPLE OF  
THE NILE RIVER BASIN.

✓ THE EXCEPTIONAL WORK OF HADASSAH HOSPITAL COULD BE  
EXPANDED TO TREAT PATIENTS FROM NEIGHBORING ARAB COUNTRIES  
IN AN EFFORT TO DIRECTLY AID THOSE IN SPECIAL NEED.

L -- FINALLY, BOTH MOSLEM AND JEWISH SCHOLARS COULD  
EXPAND THEIR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS AT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES  
IN THE REGION, SINCE THIS DISCIPLINE IS SO IMPORTANT TO  
BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT.

L THESE PROJECTS COULD BE THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS  
ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN RECONCILIATION. THE WAY HAS BEEN *opened*  
BY THE RECENT SINAI AGREEMENT. THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE  
PEOPLE OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES TO JOIN THEIR DIPLOMATS IN  
MAKING PEACE. THEY DO NOT NEED CONFERENCE TABLES. NOR DO  
THEY NEED SPECIAL SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY. ALL THAT IS NECESSARY  
IS THE WILL TO BEGIN, TO WORK TOGETHER IN THE PURSUIT OF  
PEACEFUL ENDS TO HELP EACH OTHER.

L THERE IS A LESSON FOR BOTH ISRAELIS AND EGYPTIANS  
IN HENRY KISSINGER'S SUCCESSES IN INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY.

✓ THEY HAVE BEEN FOUNDED ON CLOSE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH HEADS  
OF STATE. THESE CONTACTS FOSTER TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

✓ THIS IS THE TECHNIQUE I AM PROPOSING TONIGHT ON A  
NON-GOVERNMENTAL SCALE.

✓ LET ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN DOCTORS, SCIENTISTS,  
ARCHAEOLOGISTS, FARMERS BEGIN WORKING TOGETHER AND THE  
TIME WILL NOT BE DISTANT WHEN PRIME MINISTER RABIN AND  
PRESIDENT SADAT FACE EACH OTHER ACROSS THE TABLE.

✓ THIS TYPE OF CONTACT DOES NOT INVOLVE TERRITORY,  
TROOP PLACEMENTS OR CONCESSIONS BY EITHER SIDE. ✓ IT HAS  
TO DO WITH UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLE AS THE KEY TO PEACE.

✓ WE HAVE TURNED THE CORNER OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE  
EAST. THE NEXT STEP IS TO PRESERVE THE PEACE THAT WE  
HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO CREATE.



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